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TROMBETTA AIDS IN ITALIAN EXPORT OF FASCIST CREED

The current issue of Il Grido della Stirpe ("The Cry of the Race"), Italian-language newspaper published in New York City, is devoted to celebrating the nineteenth anniversary of Italian Fascism, which occurred this October 28. On the front page of the paper is a large drawing of Mussolini's face, set in the official heroic expression, with a fasces symbolically peering over his bald head. The caption to the illustration identifies its subject as: "Benito Mussolini Builder of the New History of Italy."

The issue, which is twice the newspaper's regular length, gives over its entire space to eulogizing the fascist movement in Italy, to lauding its leaders and to proclaiming the invincibility of fascism throughout the world.

On June 29, 1940, The Hour disclosed that Il Grido della Stirpe was not registered with the U. S. Department of State in compliance with the Federal regulations concerning agencies of foreign governments. The Hour also established that intimate relations exist between the Italian Government and Domenico Trombetta, the editor of the Italian paper. Trombetta, as we related, regularly receives and publishes material from the Propaganda Ministry in Rome, relays messages sent out by the Division of Italians Abroad of Mussolini's Foreign Office, and acts as a general agent for Fascist Party headquarters in Rome. In 1939 he spent the summer in Italy, where he was received as a highly valued colleague by top-ranking officials of Il Duce's regime.

Formerly Il Grido della Stirpe carried the subtitle, "Weekly of Fascist Propaganda." Italian propagandists decided, however, that this description was a little too blatant, and the subtitle was dropped. But the function of the paper did not change. It remained the key organ for publishing in the United States propaganda emanating from Italy.

Today Trombetta's paper is slated for added activity. On October 28 the Italian Government announced its intention to intensify its exportation of fascist ideology. The Hour is informed that Trombetta will play a major role in aiding the increased exportation of Mussolini's creed to the United States. The "anniversary issue" of Il Grido della Stirpe was the opening gun in the campaign.

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GOERING PROPAGANDA IN U. S.

A well-known store in a midwestern city has forwarded to The Hour a sample of the Nazi propaganda now being sent from Germany to prominent businessmen in this country. The item is a magazine entitled Der Adler ("The Eagle"). On its cover appears this significant statement: "Edited under the direction of the Ministry of Aviation of the Reich." In other words, the magazine is an official government publication, brought out under the supervision of Field Marshal Hermann Goering's department.

The issue of Der Adler which has been sent to The Hour carries the subtitle: "England im Bombenhagel" ("England under a Hail of Bombs"). Included in the issue are a large number of photographs and drawings of German aerial attacks on England. The captions to these illustrations make it clear the magazine is intended for distribution in the United States. An English translation accompanies every German comment.

A clumsiness unusual in official Nazi propaganda is displayed throughout the magazine. An example of this is the caption under a photograph of a smiling Nazi airman in a bombing plane. The caption reads: "That was a splendid hit! The observer has just released the bomb dropping device and is enjoying the success of his series of bombs."

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FUNDS FOR FATHER COUGHLIN

One of Father Charles E. Coughlin's methods of raising funds has been to run in his magazine Social Justice frantic appeals, saying that unless every reader sent him a generous donation immediately he would be unable to pay the bills due on his radio programs and would be forced off the air. These exhortations would usually be phrased in the manner of this one which appeared on January 1, 1940:

"Father Coughlin CANNOT go on unless he is helped financially. Enemies of the truth are placing every thinkable obstacle in his way. They would silence the only voice in America that tells all the FACTS.

"All broadcasting expense must be paid in advance. This cannot be done much longer unless IMMEDIATE AID comes from thousands of our readers who have not yet realized the national importance of the broadcasts. TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH IS NEEDED BY FEBRUARY 1!"

Today Coughlin no longer has this excuse for soliciting funds. He happens to be without a radio program (see The Hour for October 5). So he has had to change the nature of his appeal. The new one, if less compelling, is exceedingly frank.

The occasion of Coughlin's birthday on October 25 provided the opportunity for Social Justice to advance the latest appeal:



"Committees, clubs and study groups in scores of cities are holding their customary birthday parties.

"Because there is no broadcast this year -- and you all know why -- the proceeds of these parties are being sent as a personal gift to Father Coughlin, instead of contributions to the broadcasting fund." (Italics The Hour's)

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FATHER CURRAN ATTACKS LEADER OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Brooklyn Coughlinite Accuses Rutherford of "Bigotry"

The Reverend Edward Lodge Curran, of Brooklyn, New York, is distributing a pamphlet, written by himself, attacking Judge Joseph Rutherford and his religious sect, the Jehovah's Witnesses. The pamphlet is entitled Judge "for 4 days" Rutherford. In it, Curran assails Rutherford as "the enemy of Christ, the enemy of the Scriptures, the enemy of common sense and the author of hatred and bigotry and treason."

Coming from Curran -- who is one of Coughlin's staunchest supporters, who has praised and openly aided the fascist Christian Front, who has intimately associated himself with the cause of anti-Semitism in the United States -- this characterization of Rutherford has a rather strange sound.

Nor does Father Curran, a past master at baiting the Jewish people, hesitate to ask them to become his allies in his personal feud with the leader of Jehovah's Witnesses. He says:

"If every American citizen, Catholic and Protestant and Jew together, will unite in revealing and opposing the ignorant, treasonable and bigoted statements and activities of the 'Judge,' then the kingdom of God and the welfare of our country will be protected against the sinister attacks of him who is neither a judge of the Scriptures nor a judge of reason but only Judge -- 'for four days' -- Rutherford."

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CURTISS' BULLETIN DISCONTINUED

Henry George Curtiss, alias John Gaede, has been forced to discontinue the publication of his Weekly American Bulletin. This bulletin was devoted to garbled fascist theorizing, in which Curtiss used the largest words he could command, and to fond endorsements of Joseph E. McWilliams, the Pretty Boy of the U. S. Fifth Column.

A brief announcement which the pseudo-intellectual editor of the Weekly American Bulletin has sent to subscribers states that the "temporary suspension" of his publication is due to a "series of steadily increasing technical and money difficulties."

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SAN DIEGO FASCIST BOASTS OF "CONNECTIONS" IN U. S. NAVY

Anti-Labor and Anti-Semitic Campaigns
of de Aryan May Only Be Sidelines

Periodically The Hour has touched on the activities of a Fifth Columnist in San Diego, California, who uses the pseudonym of de Aryan. Editor of a pro-fascist weekly called The Broom, de Aryan devotes his time to publicizing such "patriots" as Joseph E. McWilliams and to promoting such anti-Semitic literature as the pamphlet, The End of the Jewish Race.

Like all professional Jew-baiters, de Aryan is also strongly anti-labor. In the columns of his paper, he carries on a violent campaign against unions. The contempt in which he holds organized labor is equalled only by the scorn he has for democracy. His admiration for the Nazi regime is indicated by such statements as: "A. H. (after Hitler) the German is once again Master in his own house -- he no longer has to seek the Jew to obtain his promotion, be it in the legal or any other field ... Germany preferred to get rid of this terrible pest ... "

Picketing Pickets

Recently de Aryan's dislike for organized labor got him into trouble. The Century Upholstery Shop at 2603 University Avenue, San Diego, was being picketed. Although having no connections with this shop, de Aryan decided to show anti-labor sentiments by picketing the pickets. He made a placard which read on one side, "Nevermind these Hoodlums," and on the other, "CIO Racket." And, waving the sign, he began parading outside the Century Upholstery Shop. All went well until de Aryan made the mistake of provoking a fight with one of the pickets. The next thing de Aryan knew was that he was stretched out on the sidewalk. In the current issue of The Broom he pictures himself as being the "victim of assault," and demands the arrest of the picket.

De Aryan's Interest in U. S. Naval Officers

In the same issue of The Broom, de Aryan lets slip a remark which indicates that he has more serious business in San Diego than picketing pickets and distributing fascist propaganda. An article making reference to certain matters of science includes this significant statement:

"This writer happens to have first hand information about all the phases involved, due to his connection with a number of highly trained naval officers ... "

It might be illuminating to know just what is the purpose of this Naziphile's "connection" with officers of the U. S. Navy and also who these "highly trained naval officers" are.